

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Hardaway read a letter from Andrean High School thanking Mr. Pettit and others for their help and participation in the 2018 Golf Classic it was a success. Mr. Hardaway said all funds raised were donated to Andrean Athletic program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated September 25, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit made mentioned of some of the Ordinances that will be discussed in the agenda later.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca said Ms. Olrich met with Tim Brown from the Economic Development Corporation and with John Kenndy with American Structure Point to discuss the possible plans for the community center. Ms. LaMarca gave an update on the new Park Adam Benjamin which is almost complete with some landscaping, signage and swings left to be installed. Ms. LaMarca provided information for the Santa Precession this year that will take place on Friday December 7th at 6 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Lake made mention of a small drainage project that will be starting at 8300 Windy Hill Court pending approval of the board. Mr. Lake said engineering has finished for a project on Massachusetts to 67th Avenue and 66th Place and is requesting quotes at this time. The project will be covered by a grant that will pay half of the cost. Mr. Lake said last week the Town of Merrillville received a governor's award at the 21st annual Indiana Pollution Prevention Conference in the recycling and reuse category.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-21:

Be it Ordained/resolved by the **Town of Merrillville** that for the expenses of **MERRILLVILLE CIVIL TOWN** for the year ending December 31, **2019** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purpose of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **MERRILLVILLE CIVIL COURT**, the properly tax levies and property tax rates as herein. Budget Form 4-B for all the funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **TOWN of MERRILLVILLE**. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was some discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 18-22:

An Ordinance reclassifying certain lands in the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for zoning purposes, and amending ordinance no. 99-12 being:

“An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, providing that the zoning ordinance, Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana be amended by changing the established R-5 zoning classification to planned unit development zoning classification.”

Passed by the Town of Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, the 13th Day of April, 1999, and all Amendments passed subsequent thereto. Mr. Sventanoff said he would recommend waiving the requirements for a second reading and combine both readings into one to get the project started. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was some discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Pettit made a motion that the council suspend the rules and read Ordinance 18-22 on second reading he was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote

Ord. 18-23:

An ordinance reclassifying certain lands in the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for zoning purposes, and amending the zoning ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, and all amendments passed subsequent thereto. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. . The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote with 1 abstention.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-19:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating a budget line item within the EMA General Fund budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 18-23:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2018 budget within certain categories. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, September 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Abandoned Blighted Properties commission meeting September 27, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Stormwater Management Board meeting October 2, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Plan Commission workshop meeting October 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission meeting October 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Town Hall offices closed (except for Emergency Services)
October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day.

Redevelopment Commission meeting October 9, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

Town Council meeting, October 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer